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Tuesday, 24 February 1953	
PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Helms, Colonel White, Messrs.  Amory and	
Mr. Dulles:	25X′
b. Noted a cable regarding and asked Mr. Helms to furnish him a report on this matter.	25X1
c. Noted a cable concerning conversation with and the situation in North Africa, and stated that in view of the touchy situation that was developing there we should brief the NSC on this area at an early date.	25X1 25X1
Mr. Wisner:	25X1
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b. Recommended that in connection with NSC #143 we "stay on the sidelines". Mr. Becker noted that we were doing just this and briefly outlined the status of this paper.

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b. Briefly discussed budget figures for the NSC and noted that the trend indicated that the cost for intelligence activities was up, while that of psychological warfare was down. After some further discussion,

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Colonel White (Continued)

Colonel White undertook to prepare a memorandum for the A/DCI based on his (Mr. Dulles') views.

c. Reported that the procurement of clerical personnel from agencies "going out of business" was not as bright as it looked since: (1) A number of these agencies had overgraded their people; (2) we were faced with the problem of clearances and the fact that prospective employees would not wait for the three or four-month period required.

#### Mr. Becker:

- a. Noted that there would be no IAC Meeting this week.
- b. Reported he had heard that Ambassador Bullitt had recommended Lt. General Thomas D. White (Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations), Telford Taylor and Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter as possible candidates to "beef up" the NSC Secretariat.
- c. Noted a report which indicated that the ChiComs had dispatched paratroops to the Canton area and asked Mr. Helms to obtain what information he could on this from his people in the Far East.

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